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Mr. Dulles:

Please do anything you want with this
to make it more effective or appropriate.

The Crusade people's principal idea
was that it should recite the thought
presently contained in the second sentence.


JAMES LAMBIE

Delighted to hear you comment on how well
the Boss looks. I gather he's pretty happy
to be getting his teeth into things.

DRAFT of proposed telegram from the President to the Vice President to be read at the CRUSADE dinner November 29

Dear Dick: I want to tell you again how much I appreciate your acting in my behalf this evening in receiving the distinguished group of men you have with you. As you know, the Crusade for Freedom is ~~fund raiser, which~~ the only cause ~~on whose behalf~~ I have felt it appropriate and desirable ~~to support personally through an occasion such as this, to use the prestige of the White House in what is, after all, a fund-raising effort.~~ I hope it is obvious to everyone that I would not have done this if I did not feel keenly the government's interest in seeing the vital work of the Free Europe Committee -- notably, Radio Free Europe -- continue unabated. I know that you and Herbert and Allen and Beedle and the others will make clear once again why this work is necessary and why it is essential to its effectiveness that it have ^{private direction +} ~~as much~~ ^{as possible.} ^{private direction +} private support ~~and private direction.~~ I am equally confident that our guests will respond as they and their business colleagues have before. I wish I could be with you all, but since I cannot be, I ask that you convey my respects and my greetings to each of our guests tonight.

Dwight D. Eisenhower